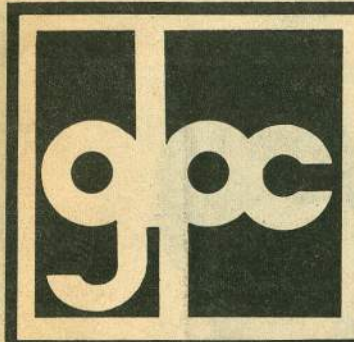


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Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus

March 1988

Super Tuesday Endorsements

By Paul Simmons

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus screened a record number of candidates this year -- fifty-six, to be exact. Thirty-two of those candidates received the Caucus' support for their party's 1988 primary.

Of the candidates endorsed, 27 are running in the Democratic Primary, while 5 others are seeking the Republican nomination.

The HGLPC endorsement process proved again this year that the decision about who gets endorsed ultimately rests with the organization's general membership. In no fewer than 4 cases, the Caucus overturned the recommendation of the screening committee.

One of those cases involves the contest for a place on the 1st Court

of Appeals. That race pits three strong candidates against one another. Michol O'Connor and Geraldine Tennant, both of whom have been endorsed by the Caucus in the past, sought the GLPC nod, as did political newcomer Bert Moser. It was a difficult choice, but the Caucus decided to back Moser. Moser's diverse legal background includes both civil and criminal experience, and the appeals court hears both kinds of cases.

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I have often been asked to analyze the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus; to describe its purpose, to dissect a certain vote, to defend a course of action. I was asked to discuss in this article the role of women in the organization. Given a few years out of the mainstream of GLPC and the movement, where I have spent the past seven years, I might have a different perspective. But I must say now that women have very little role in the caucus.

This is by no means an

indictment of the GLPC. This is a problem that is endemic to the "gay" rights movement, and I use that term deliberately. This is an overwhelmingly white male movement.

A white male majority does not necessarily mean white male domination. Women and minorities have always been at the forefront (despite their numbers), and the plaintive cry of "but how do we get more of them involved?" rings out at some point in most of our organizations. The problem lies as

much with our culture and the goals of the movement itself, as with individuals. "Why aren't there more women in the movement?" "Why should more women be in the movement?" And not merely as a rhetorical question. The answers would be much the same if asked about minority participation.

The modern American gay rights movement is just over 18 years old, if you date it from the Stonewall riots of 1969. There has been a meteoric flash of activism and advances. Yet like a meteor, many

feel that the movement may be burning itself out, just as the Scylla and Charybdis of the religious right and the AIDS epidemic are still to be navigated.

During those same years, many lesbians channeled their energies through established feminist organizations. Most felt discrimination as women more immediately than as homosexuals. We cannot hide our gender. Women face sexism each day of their lives. The more immediate battle must be fought.

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By David Fowler



As we look ahead into 1988, we find ourselves in a very important election year. We must prepare ourselves to work as hard as we can to achieve

the goals that we have been working on for the past 12 years. We must remember our vote is our voice, and our strength is in numbers. We can, and must prove this on Super Tuesday March 8, 1988. To do this we must make sure that we staff our precincts with volunteers to make sure our people receive our push cards before they go into the polls. We must also do whatever we can to turn out our voters in the largest numbers possible. This will require everyone's help. We must make them realize that AIDS is our most important issue, and the only way we will see any more action from the City, County or State is to elect the people who will work and deal with AIDS in a responsible, compassionate and timely manner. Remember, we must never back down in our struggle and never remain silent where our issues and our lives are at stake.

This year is a very vital year for gay and lesbian people all over the

and Lesbian Political Caucus. By working together we can accomplish much.

I believe the purpose of our caucus is to be representative of our community, and its interests. Our purpose is not to please politicians at our own expense, but to make them realize how vital our support and endorsement is to them and their work. Because members of our community are being affected with and by AIDS we must never be afraid to stand together with other organizations throughout the city, state and country, and demand that all levels of government spend as much money and time as it will take for research, education and care for PWA's. We must never be afraid to show our anger, our hurt and our pain when we deal with public officials that the gay and lesbian community have either helped or elected.

It is unfortunate that many gay and lesbian people in the City of Houston and throughout the country do not like to admit that AIDS is actually happening to our friends, lovers, children and our family members. However, we must make everyone realize that AIDS is a problem affecting everyone, and not be afraid to show the tears, hurt and pain that this has caused the gay and lesbian community. By working together we will be able to

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This year is a very vital year for gay and lesbian people all over the country. We must all try to work together and increase our membership and volunteer staff. There are many interesting events taking place in 1988. We will need volunteers for our newsletter, our media staff, our mailouts, voter registration and membership committees. We must reach out to our minorities, our youth, our families and our former members and let them know and make them realize how important their support, help and ideas are to the Houston Gay

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Please come and join HGLPC at our meetings the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30p.m. We need your help and support.



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The caucus wants to include everyone on its mailing list. So, if you move, call the GLPC office at 521-1000 and leave a change of

address. You also can put your new address on the membership form and return it.

Election newsletters are not always forwarded. And when they are returned, it costs the caucus about 25 cents. Because so many gay men and lesbians move so often, some returned mail for a particular mail-out has cost the caucus several hundred dollars.

If you'd like to add your name (or a pseudonym) and address to the caucus list, call the GLPC office at 521-1000.



Women (Continued from Page 1)

The feminist agenda specifically includes equal civil rights for gay men and lesbians, as well as the plethora of so called "women's issues." As feminists we advance both causes.

Lesbians also live and work in male-oriented environments. Women's groups provide an opportunity for interaction as equals that we may find nowhere else. There is a shared history, an understanding of the bonds of our up-brings. Who wouldn't prefer those groups that provide that sense of belonging?

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representation. A problem arises when we seek the same goals along, at best, parallel paths. At worst, our efforts compete with, impede or oppose those of kindred groups. Minority groups feel that civil rights protections for gays will subtract from their own. Women see a gay man using feminist as a pejorative term. We must learn to combine our energies, our efforts, and our mailing lists.

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We all want to believe the myth of a "gay community." There is no such thing. I use the phrase frequently. All leaders of the "community" do. But in reality, we have no bond but the gender of our sexual partners. We are "guppies, drag queens and redneck dykes" -- all classes, ages, races. Add to our differences that we are all homophobic. Many manifestations of gay life leave us just as disturbed and uncomfortable as our straight oppressors. Ask a lesbian how she feels about men having sex in a public bathroom. Ask a "Colt-type" what he thinks of the guy marching down the street in a wedding dress.

In our culture we are also sexual-phobics. Few of us are comfortable discussing sex. The very term "homosexual" defines us by our sexuality, rather than by the richness of our emotional attachments. Too often the movement was caught up in protecting practices of the few that the many did not understand -- and women in particular could not accept.

We don't have common interests. We don't have common goals. We don't even share a commonality of discrimination. How can we share a vision of the movement?

Many gay men also fail to realize the inter related issues of other movements. All want freedom from discrimination and equal legal

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Yet many gay men are at least as sexist, racist and ageist as the rest of the population. Every time a gay bar refuses to admit a woman, the community is injured. Each time a club puts a quota on the number of persons of color, we are all diminished. When we fail to reach out to our elderly, we lose a piece of our past.

Miscegenation, anti-abortion and sodomy laws all spring from the same religious roots. They are nurtured by the same people. They are a mockery of the right to privacy. They limit an individual's ability to control his or her own body. Can we not recognize and fight the common foe?

Finally, the AIDS crisis must be put in perspective. If you set out to create a situation to scuttle the gay rights movement, you might have created AIDS. It has given a platform to the religious right, allowing them, in the name of morality and public safety, to propose egregious affronts on our personal liberties. It has pulled millions of dollars away from gay and lesbian organizations. Money that had been used to litigate or celebrate is now used to keep people alive. It has erased years of trying to be seen as whole individuals rather than through our sexual practices.

Much of the male leadership in the movement is dead or dying. Another large portion has diverted their energies from the struggle for

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Women must be given their due in the struggle against AIDS. We have been there: we have volunteered, we have supported, we have led, we have cried. We have not stepped back and proclaimed it a men's problem.

I have been told over and over that AIDS is the only issue now. Not so. It is the most immediate issue. It is the most emotional issue. But it is a symptom of a deeper problem that a cure for AIDS will not heal. Women have not forgotten that. Can gay men remember?

There is one issue that I think is a false one for the movement; the "us versus them" of the words lesbian and gay. I don't want to replay the semantic battles of the 70's. Language does shape culture. But including, or not including, those two words in a name never kept a committed man or woman from participation. There are opposed but valid positions. They should be understood, but they cannot be allowed to divide us. Organizations can spend so much time fighting about such internal distinctions that

they cannot join the larger battle.

If all we have in common is the gender of our sexual partners, then it behooves us to strengthen that connection, rather than sever it by drawing a distinction between gay men and lesbians. Gay is an encompassing term. Men in the movement often feel betrayed; that lesbians preach unity and then opt for separation.

But lesbians have the right to define their own place within the movement. They do not have the same interests or issues as gay men. They often fight sexism outside and inside the movement. A turning point in the black civil rights movement was the choosing of a self-defining "black" over "negro." Gay is a term that was also self-applied. It was an empowering act. Lesbians deserve to empower themselves. Gay men and women must understand this.

There will always be women in the gay rights movement. There will always be women in GLPC. They may never be as strong a presence as we might wish. People only participate where they see a need, and a way for themselves to fill that need. The gay rights movement is not yet an adult. As it matures, it may learn to integrate all its disparate members.





April 2nd Food Drive

To celebrate the Easter holiday and the coming of spring, the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, is planning a major food drive to benefit AIDS Foundation Houston's Stone Soup. Entitled, "A Tisket A Basket, Come Fill Stone Soup's Basket," the event will take place on April 2nd, the day before Easter, in the parking lot of Mary's Lounge (1000 block of Westheimer).

"Our goal is to fill a huge 10 by 6 foot basket with food" said Lou Vanech, the project coordinator. "I know you're thinking 'where do you get a basket that big?' Well, we're going to make one!"

So far about half the materials

donations. He also said "By no means are these the only items the food pantry needs." A Tisket A Basket is an officially sanctioned AFH event, and the food collected will go a long way to help fill the needs of the growing AFH client list.

When asked about A Tisket A Basket logistics Vanech said, "This is an ambitious project and so far there has been great enthusiasm. Now we need to translate that enthusiasm into volunteers. Events like this don't just happen, each one of us needs to do our part." The whole project will take 25-30 people who can give 3-4 hours a

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- a reasoned critique of the "employment-at-will" doctrine (*Little v. Bryce*, 733 S.W.2d 937, 939);
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- an analysis of the harshness of the Texas recidivist statute as applied to non-violent crimes (*Simpson v. State*, 668 S.W.2d 915, 920);
 - a warning of the dangers of censorship (*Southwick v. State*, 701 S.W.2d 927, 930).

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Bruce Cook, the coordinator of the pantry for Stone Soup, suggests using the wish list published in the Montrose Voice and TWT to serve as a guide for

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He also said "There really is no reason to be shy about volunteering. Everyone has lots of fun, you make new friends, and the sense of reward is unbeatable."

Donations of time, money and building materials can be directed through the HGLPC office 521-1000 or through Lou Vanech 523-8935. Come out, get involved, make a difference. ☒

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The Names Project Quilt, made up of 3'x6' panels memorializing AIDS victims, will be displayed in Houston on May 6-10, 1988. Houston is one of 20 cities in the National tour which will culminate in a huge display of the entire quilt on the Mall in Washington, D.C. on the anniversary of the March on Washington. It is estimated that the display will cover the entire 26 blocks of the Mall stretching all the way from the Lincoln Memorial to the Washington Memorial.

The Houston Host Committee, which represents a broad range of organizations as well as interested individuals, hopes to display the Quilt at the George R. Brown Convention Center. All monies raised by this project will be given to the various organizations providing direct services to PWA's.

"The country needs a mechanism for generating money and support for people with AIDS and their loved ones," said Cleve Jones, Executive Director of the National Names Project.

Houstonians are being asked to make panels for their loved ones who have been lost in this AIDS epidemic for a special display area adjacent to the main quilt display. These panels, after the Houston showing, will be shipped to San Francisco for inclusion in the full quilt display in Washington, D.C.

Volunteers are needed to assist in security, publicity and fund-raising as well as helping to set up the basic mechanisms of the display.

For additional information call the PWA Coalition at 522-5428, the Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus at 521-1000, or Jim Owens at 523-6109.

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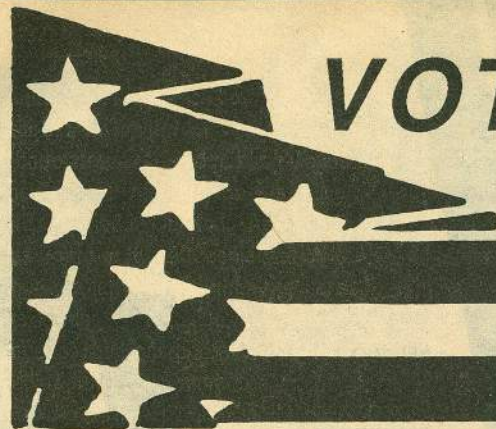
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Strange but True: Candidates Say the Darnedest Things!

By Michael C. Jozwiak

More than a hundred years ago, the great statesman and politician, Henry Clay, told the American people that he'd "rather be right than President." Nonetheless, Clay ran for, and lost, the presidency three times! Within the GLPC screening process, one would-be office holder told us that he also sought our endorsement three times, but never got it. Maybe this candidate fails to understand the concept of a subtle hint too!

Candidates do say the darnedest things! Screeners felt that some of these candidates and incumbents entered our screening process already well into the advanced stages of 'foot-in-mouth' disease. We've heard the Japanese referred to as "Japs" and women as "gals." One was unaware of what '21.06' was, while another expressed surprise to learn it's still on the books. All these were strange responses to a group of gay and lesbian interviewers known to have a keen awareness of discrimination and bigotry. These really are actual responses from office seekers who did sincerely want the GLPC endorsement. It's scary, and it gets better too, read on.

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One candidate reputed to "know more gay people than anyone else in the race" because of a background in the wholesale beauty supply business! Another couldn't remember the vote on an issue regarding sexually explicit material (but would they know it if they saw it?).

As for the issues, a judicial candidate remarked that the Harris County Pre-Trial Release Program "shouldn't be given away like foodstamps." Another promised to be "punishment oriented." And a third stated that "child molesters would be in a lot of trouble in court" if this candidate won the bench. Rationally, of course, they should be in a lot of trouble in any court if they are guilty, but screeners found it odd to correlate molestation with gay and lesbian issues. Obviously, this candidate's stereotype was showing. Another successful candidate in a recent past election expressed a nonchalance about why lesbians should be concerned with abortion, noting that "they don't get raped."

On gay and lesbian power at the polls, candidate opinions varied. One predicted that "George Bush would head the GOP ticket in November, so therefore, anyone on the Republican side would win." Another candidate remembered

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Remember, this is not fiction. Real candidates and real office holders actually said these things! Some comments have been cleaned up. Some may have had their gender-identity switched in efforts to guarantee anonymity to the lips from whence they came. All comments are true.

Join us in the screening process next time, and maybe you'll be there and hear for yourself when one remarked about his sure victory by saying that it's assured unless he's "caught in bed with a dead woman, or a live man" before the election. Or you may hear how a candidate might respond to criticism about seeking the GLPC endorsement: "I'd probably tell them just to get f----d."

Good things do happen though. One screening panel was impressed with one candidate's thorough understanding of our concerns and issues. In one comment, the candidate said that, "this state ranks so far behind in funding for AIDS it's pathetic. AIDS is not just a gay and lesbian issue." People like this will make all the difference. Be sure to vote on March 8th, and be sure to follow the GLPC endorsements!

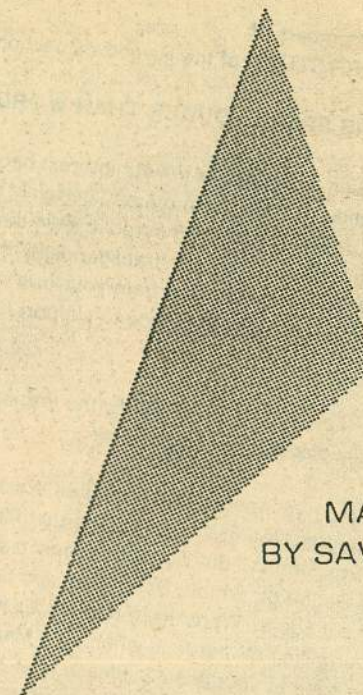


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On January 29th the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus sent a memorandum to all presidential candidates, soliciting campaign statements with respect to their position on issues affecting gays and lesbians. The candidates were not asked to comment on any specific issues, but were given the freedom to comment on any and all issues. As of the editorial deadline the following candidates had not responded:

Democrats

Richard Gephardt
Gary Hart

Republicans

None of the candidates
responded.

Following are the statements
from the candidates who did
respond to our request.

JESSE JACKSON '88
19 February 1988

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

AL GORE

'88

President

Senator Al Gore on AIDS

"Responding to the AIDS pandemic will be one of the most important challenges our next President must face. I think it's important to realize the magnitude of the Reagan-Bush administration's failure to deal with this issue. A conservative prime minister of England, Margaret Thatcher, saw only 350 cases of AIDS, and launched a nationwide comprehensive education and prevention campaign. We've now have more than 50,000 cases of AIDS, and still this Administration has done nothing.

"The historians are going to wonder, when they look at the 1980's, whether or not we even had a president and a vice president during the early 1980's, the early years of the AIDS epidemic.

"They appointed a commission, and the two leading members of the commission resigned in utter disgust over the lack of support and leadership. We're arguing over a few hundred million dollars in additional education and research funds to slow the spread of AIDS and speed the finding of a cure when the Public Health Service estimates that within three years we're going to be spending up to \$15 billion a year on the consequences of AIDS.

"There is much America can do to meet the challenge of AIDS, for we have already handled far more easily transmitted diseases. I believe immediate action is warranted in five areas:

"First, we should launch a Manhattan style project to speed the finding of a cure and a vaccine. Second, everyone needs to know the facts about AIDS. We should begin a massive program of public education about how to avoid the disease, how to protect oneself, and how to prevent it. Virtually every

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In the end, I jobs and economic Governor to see the our state. I want the your help on March

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Dear Harris County Area Members of
the LAVENDER STRIPE of the Rainbow Coalition,

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

In the 1984 Campaign Jesse acted in your interest because your interest is his interest: Equality under the law, no more and certainly no less. Of the current candidates, only Jesse and Mr. Hart acted in 1984 through the Democratic Party to insure that lesbian/gay/transgenderal interests were visibly included. Phyllis Frye, attorney and activist from your own community challenged many of you then, "You should race to support him. He stands for us without reservation!"

In October 1987, the LAVENDER STRIPE (the lesbian/gay/transgenderal community) was officially placed into the Rainbow.

This followed shortly your successful March on Washington. Jesse was the only candidate to address the 650,000+ throng that filled the Washington Mall from 1st through 9th Streets. But Dukakis -- only a short train ride in Massachusetts -- and Gephardt, Simon, Dole, Bush and Gore -- working in and living near D.C. -- did not come. Were these candidates who now try to "woo" you with their words, unwilling at that time when your March attendance was uncertain to risk being seen at your event? Please read their words, then compare to Jesse's actions. Jesse came to Washington to speak to you and to be seen with you because Jesse believes there is no risk to stand with your friends.

JESSE HAS STOOD WITH YOU

PLEASE, STAND WITH JESSE NOW

Jesse Jackson also knows how AIDS has been a drain on your community's finances and humanpower. Whatever you can give of either, is all that he asks.

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"Third, AIDS is going to challenge our health care financing system. We're going to have to make provisions for hospice care, and for long-term care. Fourth, we're going to have to have humane and sensitive leadership on the difficult questions involving testing and confidentiality of data. Fifth, we must lead an international response to this global epidemic. We must all become allies in the search for a vaccine and cure. For example, experts predict that unless we act soon, as much as 40 percent of the population in some areas of Africa may be wiped out.

"The tragedy of AIDS is not only that thousands have died, or that hundreds of thousands more will suffer. It is also tragic that millions of Americans live in fear of a disease they don't understand. Because we know what to do about AIDS -- but we need an administration that will give Americans answers, and an agenda that will work.

"Then, and only then, can we begin to build our children the kind of future all Americans deserve -- a future dominated not by fear, but by hope."

Mike Dukakis for President

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MIKE DUKAKIS:

Issues of Concern to Gay Men and Lesbians

Every American should have the opportunity to live his or her life fully and openly -- and to contribute and participate in the life of our country -- without fear or intimidation. Our civil rights laws acknowledge that discrimination on the basis of factors such as race, sex, religion, age, national origin, or disability is fundamentally unfair. Discrimination against an individual because of his or her sexual orientation is no less unfair.





CANDIDATES SPEAK OUT

That is why I will continue to fight hard as Governor of Massachusetts to pass a bill to protect the civil rights of gay men and lesbians. That is why, as President, I will fight for federal legislation to add a prohibition against discrimination based on sexual orientation to the existing protections of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. And I would oppose any administrative or legislative attempt to restrict the access of individuals or organizations to any government funded programs on the basis of sexual orientation.

AIDS is the most serious threat to the public health we have faced in our lifetime. As President, I will commit the resources necessary to prevent the spread of the virus, find a cure, develop a vaccine, and care for people with AIDS and AIDS Related Complex (ARC). Education is the best defense we have. In Massachusetts, we have developed the most comprehensive AIDS education program of any state in the nation. We must explore innovative insurance strategies and flexibility in eligibility requirements and coverage of government programs. We cannot accept a situation in which any American is denied care because of an inability to pay.

As president, I will fight hard for a federal Equal Rights Amendment. I will continue to support the decision of the United States Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade that protects the right of women to exercise their own judgement with respect to the highly personal decision of abortion; and I will support federal funding -- where essential -- to assure that women in poverty have the same right.

In the end, I believe the 1988 election will come down to the issues of jobs and economic opportunity for all Americans. I have fought hard as Governor to see that economic success is extended to every single citizen in our state. I want the opportunity to make that happen all across America. With your help on March 8, we can win together.

"Some opponents of mine once charged that I wanted to 'take a chainsaw to the federal budget.' How right they were! Big government is running away with our freedom and our money, and the Republicans are as bad as the Democrats. There really isn't a dime's worth of difference between the major parties. Pro-freedom, non-interventionist views are ignored or smeared. Yet Libertarianism is the philosophy of the Founding Fathers.

"That's why I intend to wage a grassroots, hard-hitting, well-financed national campaign for freedom. After 14 years in politics," said Ron Paul, "I know the American people are with us, and I intend to give them a chance to vote for much smaller government, the gold standard, the free market, and a foreign policy that puts America first, not the deceitful big-bank, big-business, big-government policy that polices the world and subsidizes rich allies, while impoverishing working Americans."

★ ★ ★ **PAUL**
★ ★ ★ **SIMON**
★ ★ ★ **FOR PRESIDENT**
★ ★ ★ **LEADERSHIP IN THE GREAT DEMOCRATIC TRADITION**
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Ron Paul

Libertarian for President

The Hon. Ron Paul
Libertarian Candidate for President of the United States

Ron Paul was elected four times to the United States Congress from Houston, Texas, as a Republican. As a member of the Banking Committee, he worked to establish a gold standard and curb the Federal Reserve. He was also the House sponsor of the U.S. Gold Commission, and co-author of its minority report: *The Case for Gold*.

A nationally known speaker and writer, he is also founder of the Council for Monetary Reform; chairman of the FREE Foundation; chairman of the Committee To Abolish the Fed; editor and publisher of *The Ron Paul Investment Letter*; distinguished counsellor to the Ludwig von Mises Institute; and a practicing physician.

For his uncompromising advocacy of liberty, Congressman Paul won awards from the National Taxpayers Union (for the most pro-taxpayer record ever), the Council for a Competitive Economy, the Mises Institute, and the American Economic Council.

Ron Paul was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1935. He received his BA from Gettysburg College and his MD from Duke University Medical School. A flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force, Dr Paul and his wife Carol are the parents of five children and the grandparents of four. They make their home in Lake Jackson, Texas.

On February 16, 1987, he announced his candidacy for the Libertarian Party nomination for President of the United States, to challenge "big-bank privilege and the Federal Reserve; federal deficit spending in all areas, from social welfare to the Pentagon and corporate welfare; a run-amok IRS and outrageous tax system; government lying about everything; the vicious attack on our liberty and financial privacy; and the foreign policy that drains our wallets, enriches our enemies, shreds the Constitution, and kills our children."

"In 1988," said Congressman Paul, "Americans will be faced with Bush or Kemp, Hart or Cuomo, or some other big-government types. I intend to make sure the people have a choice for freedom. That's why I am seeking the nomination of the Libertarian Party for President."

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Where Paul Simon stands:

- Cosponsored the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill and has pledged, as President, to sign this bill into law.
- Finds the Immigration and Naturalization Service's use of the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act to exclude lesbians and gay men from entrance into the U.S. "offensive", and strongly agrees with the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy recommendation "to remove homosexuality as a ground for exclusion."
- Adamantly supports fair hiring practices based on merit and quality, and pledges to end discrimination based on sexual orientation through amendments to civil rights legislation. As President, Simon will "sign an executive order banning such discrimination in federal hiring, will select people for my cabinet because of their talents and experience, and will not oppose appointing openly gay or lesbian individuals."
- Opposes parenting rights decisions based on sexual orientation, instead believing they "should be based on the quality of care and love provided to the child."
- Supports the Institute of Medicine recommendation for an annual \$1 billion federal AIDS research effort by 1990, and a similar expenditure on public health prevention.
- Supports increased contributions to the international fight against AIDS, and a large-scale public awareness campaign administered by the federal government in cooperation with state and local authorities and voluntary agencies.
- Is developing a proposal to supplement existing confidential AIDS testing through a federal grant program to include pre-test and post-test counseling



Super Tuesday

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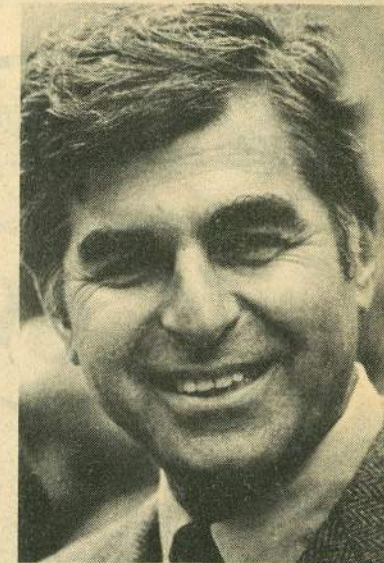
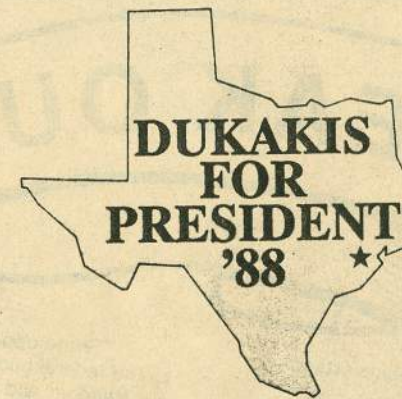
continue to work with him. In a close vote, the organization opted to support Klevenhagen for another term.

In the race for judge of the 127th Civil District Court, all three Democratic primary candidates sought Caucus support. Two of the three -- Kay Kreck and Madeline Sitzes -- received high marks from their screening panel. Also, both candidates were well-known to Caucus members. In what was one of the hardest decision of the endorsement meeting, the Caucus

voted to support Sitzes.

On the state level, three candidates for the Texas House of Representatives won GLPC endorsements. They are Montrose area representative Debra Danburg, Sylvester Turner in the 139th District and Adrian McGowan in the hotly contested race for the 143rd District. Candidates for state representative were asked a total of 29 questions since so many issues affecting the gay and lesbian community are decided by the legislature. ☒

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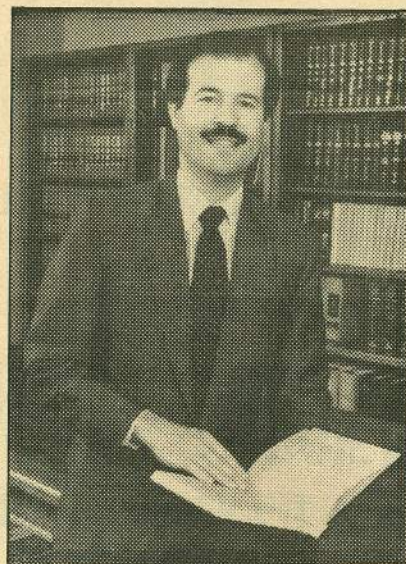
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LGRL Will Repeal 21.06!



Archives Report

The Houston Community is fortunate to be the home of one of the nations largest collections of Gay and Lesbian memorabilia and resource materials. Located at 1919 Decatur St., in the Heights, are over 8200 books and thousands of clippings, periodicals, posters, buttons, and audio visual materials which attest to the progress of the Gay Movement.

The seeds of this collection were started in Ft. Worth under the name of the Aura Library. During the '76-'77 time frame, the Aura Library was moved to Houston where it was later incorporated as the Texas Gay & Lesbian Archives. This collection was housed at the Wilde 'N' Stein bookstore.

During the same period of time, the MCC group began a parallel effort of collecting Gay and Lesbian historical materials. The emphasis of this collection was primarily periodicals and rare and out-of-print books. The Texas Gay & Lesbian

Archives and the MCC Library were combined in the summer of 1986 when the Wilde 'N' Stein bookstore changed hands.

The collection is now administered by a staff of volunteers at MCC. The Archive is available for public access between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. An appointment is not necessary, but research assistance is provided only during the weekend hours.

The archive regularly solicits support from the community in the form of used book donations. Most of the books which are received in donation are traded at used book stores for items of Gay/Lesbian interest. Each week the archive usually acquires 7-15 new titles for its collection. The library is also in need of subscriptions to out-of-town Gay/Lesbian publications. All donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.



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It won't be tomorrow. It won't be next year. The year after that?

In 1986 a statewide leadership conference brought gay men and lesbians from most of the state's political, legal and human rights organizations together in one place. And to a shared belief. There must be an aggressive, full-time lobby effort in the state of Texas.

Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby (LGRL) had been our Austin lobby for 6 years. It was an under-funded, part-time "voice in the wilderness." But it was our lobby. We determined to make that organization what it could and should be. We hired Glen Maxey as an openly gay executive director. We set a minimum budget of \$40,000. We crossed our fingers.

The new LGRL exceeded our greatest hopes in 1987. We could not have asked for a finer representative and lobbyist. We raised the money. We raised our profile and input at the capitol.

Most of the battle dealt with AIDS. There were attempts to make an AIDS test a pre-requisite to a marriage license, an insurance policy, a hospital visit. To make positive test results a matter of

public record -- and on and on. LGRL was there to fight off the bad guys. LGRL was also there in the drafting and passing of every positive piece of AIDS related legislation.

The momentum must continue. The religious right won't go away. We can't either. LGRL is built of individuals and organizations from across the state. Participation is open to anyone with an interest in securing civil rights for gay men, lesbians and PWA's.

Lobbying takes money -- from all of us.

What does your dollar buy these days? Not much, not enough. Not unless your dollar is added to other dollars. You can increase the power of your money. If every gay person in this city contributed just \$1, we could:

1. Fund LGRL for a year.
2. Fight the religious right and protect ourselves from discriminatory AIDS legislation -- and worse.
3. Work for repeal of 21.06.
4. Build and maintain a statewide mailing list.

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- Graduate of Texas Tech Law School
- Editor of Law Review
- Briefing Attorney to Judge Leon Douglas of the Court of Criminal Appeals
- Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Author of a legal textbook on the Texas Penal Code
- Member of the Houston Bar Association Appellate Judiciary Committee

- Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and all Texas Courts
- Member Harris County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Houston Bar Association, North Harris County Bar Association
- Practice devoted to the area of criminal law
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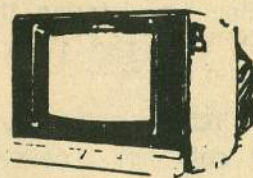
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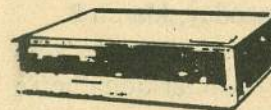
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Gay Ideologies: Where Are We Headed?

By Gene Harrington

Recently three very different types of gay/lesbian ideologies have had an impact on the local political process. During the last six months these three diverse philosophies moved with equal force to the front lines of gay/lesbian politics and each have had a profound effect. They have each influenced in some way the city's political process and, ironically, also each other's methods of operation.

First, there are the "activists;" second, the "integrationists;" and lastly, the "noninterventionists." These labels are chosen for discussion purposes and do not attempt to have any qualitative values in themselves.

Activists believe that a minority's best opportunity to move a reluctant or hostile majority is by making the majority realize that the activists will openly challenge the status quo and force some form of reaction. The belief is that any reaction by the majority towards the minority is movement and movement is the first step towards change. Councilman Scondras at the 1986 GLPC dinner commented, "You worry about rocking the boat

when you are in the boat!"

Thus, the persons with AIDS who unfurled a banner demanding more AIDS support at the mayor's announcement fall squarely into this category. Their actions forced

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an administration to realize that some action -- if nothing more than policing of future mayor's appearances -- had to occur. Once some action is forced (more vigilance at mayoral appearances), it then usually evolves into more meaningful action. For example, if the mayor's office can no longer ignore AIDS issues because of possible confrontation, discussion with the activists might seem more plausible (and less expensive and embarrassing). Thus, reaction is forced upon the reluctant majority.

The integrationists believe that quiet dialogue without demands or publicity will slowly move a recalcitrant majority towards the desired end. They believe that quiet or

secret meetings, pressing without confrontation will prove the credibility of the minority and sway the majority towards accepting the minority's viewpoint. Thus, a local gay lawyer's visit with a council-member resulted in a controversial committee recommendation being withdrawn without publicity and with no loss of face. Proof of loyalty to the public figure is often an important element of the integrationist strategy. Thus, fundraising for a mayor, not in need of funds, is a practical method of opening doors for later discussion.

The major problem with these two philosophies is that their proponents are usually absolutists, believing that their method of operation is the only viable one and that the other alternative is never acceptable. Most activists scorn attempts at quiet diplomacy as a waste of time and most integrationists ridicule all confrontation as embarrassing. Personality conflicts between the actors usually have a role to play in these disagreements as well.

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competition and if a mutual respect for divergent philosophies can be developed, it could become a useful partnership.

When people protesting in the streets understand that they might be opening doors for more conservative proponents and when quiet diplomats understand that demonstrations might be needed either to give them access or to prove their point, a mature political

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understanding will have evolved.

When both activists and integrationists understand that their enemy is not only from without, but includes those noninterventionists, who find comfort in the closet, the magnitude of the challenge will be better understood.

Change has started to take place. A lifeless City AIDS Panel has been replaced with a blue ribbon AIDS Task Force that proposes the same goals for which the activists have been demonstrating. A mayor who, by design or inattention, has ignored Omega House and the McAdory House has publically visited one and will soon dine at the other. A new Health Director, whose AIDS philosophy, unlike his

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They do not feel gay rights are essentially important to their lifestyle and in fact, feel more confronted by gay activism than homophobia. To them the status quo is acceptable. The noninterventionists are usually livid at activism and at best, hypocritically accepting about integrationism. Thus, 3 out of 4 gay men and lesbians didn't vote in the Gay Rights Referendum. Less than 1,000 people contributed to either the referendum or the Section 21.06 battles.

Thus, 1988 offers basic opportunities and challenges in the gay/lesbian political process. Activism -- well-entrenched in cities like New York and San Francisco -- has become an integral part of Houston's gay and lesbian politics. As a reaction to this, integrationism is attempting to become organized and prove a more successful alternative. This is a healthy

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